SI. No.	Name of post office	Amount (in Rs.)
41.	Tekari BO	600.00
42.	Sundar Nagar, Raipur	411364.00
43.	Laduaa BO	77160.00
44.	Kalenda BO	21602.00
45.	Tarsiwa BO	1500.00
46.	Uparwara BO	13083.00
47.	Rawan SO	17164.80
48.	Konari BO	3467.80
49.	Gidhpuri BO	57708.00
50.	Bemata BO	10000.00
51.	Tarenga BO	1000.00
52.	Ravigram BO	2435565.00
	TOTAL:	5418924.20

Note: BO (Branch Office), SO (Sub Office)

Casual labourers in Telecom Department

†3836. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of casual labourers presently working in the Department of Telecom;

(b) the details of the jobs in which they are deputed;

(c) the number of labourers engaged in Union related work and the names of labour unions functioning among the labourers and whether Government have received any demand letter from these labourers; and

(d) the measures Government take to provide them permanent jobs?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) There are only 2 (two) full-time casual labourers engaged on year-to-year basis in Wireless Monitoring Organization in the Department of Telecom.

(b) The casual labourers have been engaged for the job of cleanliness of Wireless Monitoring Stations.

(c) There are no labour unions functioning among the labourers and as such their engaging in union related work does not arise.

(d) It is not possible to provide them with permanent jobs as no regular sanctioned posts are available for the purpose.

Budgetary allocation for VPTs

3837. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country which have so far been covered and provided with Village Public Telephones under Bharat Nirman Programme indicating overall teledensity in the year 2007 as compared to 2006 particularly in rural areas; and

(b) the amount of increase in budgetary allocations made during 2007-08 in comparison to 2006-07, to cover 66.28 million villages in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Under Bharat Nirman Programme, remaining 66,822 uncovered villages in the country were to be provided with VPT. This excludes villages having population less than 100, lying in thick forest areas/naxalite infested areas etc. As on 31st March, 2007, out of 66,822 unconnected eligible villages, 46,969 villages have been provided with VPT facility and the remaining 19,853 villages will be provided with VPTs progressively by November, 2007. Overall teledensity of the country is 18.31% as on 31.03.2007 as against 12.74% as on 31.03.2006. In comparison, rural teledensity was 2.91% as on 31.03.2007 as against 1.86% as on 31.03.2006.